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Public Notices.

LONDON EXCURSION.—From the Stations &c., to SUNDERLAND and NEWCASTLE, on WEDNESDAY, Feb 25th. See bills. 24

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

EXCURSION will leave Saltburn, at 12 noon (with Passengers from Redcar, South Bank, Middlesbrough, Stockton, &c., for HARTLEPOOL, on WEDNESDAY, February 25th. EXCURSION will leave Tow Law, at 1 p.m. (with Passengers from Crook, Etherley, Bishop Auckland, Shildon, Darlington, &c.), for LEEDS. For Times and Fares see bills. 24

GLAD STREET PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.—A Grand SACRED CONCERT will be given by the Greenhalgh Choir, of Darlington, on WEDNESDAY, February 25th, 1891. Soloists:—Miss Hesler, Mr Addison, Mess. Miss Hesler, Mr Addison, Mess. Hesler, Mr Greening, cornetist. Conductor, Mr W. Greenhalgh, Darlington. Chair at Mr Harry White. Chair to be taken at 6.30 o'clock p.m., by W. HEAD, ESQ. Tickets admission:—Reserved seats, 1s; front seats, 6d; rear seats, 3d. 2

A LOCAL REPRESENTATION.—A Meeting will be held in the Oddfellows Hall THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING at 7 o'clock. All who are desirous of the formation of a "Labour Electoral Union" are invited to attend. 24

TO RESSES OF MIDDLESBROUGH.—A petition praying for the Extension of the Franchise to the people on the Appointment and Election of Coroners, is requested to be signed in the "Justice of the Peace Hall," in now lying at the offices of Mr Fleming, M.A., B.D., Solicitor, Albert-road, Middlesbrough, on TUESDAY, the 24th day of February. 24

REMEMBER THE BENEFIT CONCERT, WEDNESDAY NIGHT,

at the Benefit Concert on Wednesday Night THE APOLLO MALE VOICE CHOIR WILL SING "The Soldiers' Chorus" (Faust), "Sentence Sacred" (Il Trovatore), Soloist, Miss Pearce; AND THE "Italian Salad," being a musical jest in form of finale to Italian Opera. Mr D. DAVIES (Prize Tenor) AND CHOIR. Prices 3s, 2s, 1s, and 6d.

COME IN CROWDS! 24

TEMPERANCE HALL, DOVECOT-STREET, STOCKTON.

HERR COHEN

Will attend in his rooms daily from 10 to 1.30, 3 to 5, and 7 to 9. 4 DAYS LONGER. Last Sale of his PATENT MEDICAL CURATIVE COIL. Vide: Entrance to Herr Cohen's Rooms by side door only. Prince Regent-street, Stockton. 24

LOSS OF THE STEAMER BEAR.

NEW TOWN HALL, MIDDLESBROUGH, WEDNESDAY, February 25th, GRAND BENEFIT CONCERT promoted by the Apollo Male Voice Choir and an Influential Committee). ARTISTES: SOPRANO—MISS LILY PEARCE, L.R.A.M. (of the Leeds Concerts). CONTRALTO—MISS ISABEL COUNEY (Mrs Smith, Middlesbrough). CORNET—MR JOHN HUNTER (Hartlepool). BASS—MR ALFRED JONES (Middlesbrough). STRING INSTRUMENTALISTS—THE MISSES TAYLOR (Brotton). CLARIONET SOLOIST — MASTER SMITH (Newcastle-on-Tyne), the Boy Wonder. AND THE APOLLO MALE VOICE CHOIR. Conductor, Mr JOHN MORGAN. Accompanists: MISS EDITH SMITH and Mr J. P. STEWART. Admission: Reserved Seats, 2/- (plan at Mr Hogarth's Music Warehouse). Balcony and Second Seats, 2s, Body of Hall, 1s. Gallery and Area, 6d. Tickets may be obtained of Mr Hogarth, Exchange-place; Mr Lloyd, 32, Milton street; Mr Johnson, 84, Wilson-street; Mr Morgan, 16, Milton-street; the Members of the Committee and Choir, and of several of the Tradesmen of the town and district. Doors open at 7; Concert at 7.45; Carriages at 10.15 p.m.

STEAMER BEAR RELIEF FUND.—The steamer Bear, of Middlesbrough, was run down in the Firth of Forth on Sunday, January 11th, and as there are twelve Widows and about thirty-eight Orphans of the crew left unprovided for, a large and influential Committee has been formed for the purpose of raising a Fund for the relief of such of them as it may in the opinion of the Committee be necessary to relieve. Believing the object to be a thoroughly deserving one the Committee earnestly hope that the public of Middlesbrough, Whitby, Filey, and Scarboro' will co-operate in carrying the movement to a successful issue. Subscriptions will be gratefully received by any of the Committee or by the undersigned. M. G. COLLINGWOOD (Mayor), Treasurer. ALFRED SOCKETT, Honorary Secretary. Mansion House, Middlesbrough, January, 1891.

ODDFELLOWS' HALL, NOW ON VIEW, AN EXHIBITION OF VALUABLE OIL PAINTINGS, CHINA, SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS, COMPRISING HANDSOME DRAWING-ROOM SUITES, SOLID BED-ROOM SUITES, HANDSOME SIDEBOARDS, OAK LIBRARY FURNITURE, AND NUMEROUS APPURTENANTS FOR HOUSEHOLD USE.

ADMISSION BY CATALOGUE WITHIN THE ODDFELLOWS' HALL, MIDDLESBROUGH, ON TUESDAY, FEB. 24TH. The whole of the goods have been removed under assignment to the Hall, and will be SOLD BY AUCTION, ON TUESDAY, 24TH, AND WEDNESDAY, 25TH, WITHOUT RESERVE. MR THOMAS M. DAWSON, of Newcastle, is the person appointed to realise the estate.

EXCHANGE HALL, STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

MR BARNBY'S GRAND EVENING CONCERT, ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 1891.

ARTISTES:— MADAME TREBELLI (The World-renowned contralto); her first appearance in the Provinces since 1883). SIGNORINA ELVIRA GAMBOGI (Of the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden, and the principal Continental Opera Houses). HENRY PERCY (The Popular English Tenor). MR MAYBRICK (Stephen Adams; the Eminent Vocalist and Composer). MR AUGUST VAN BIENE (The Celebrated Solo Violoncellist). Miss Katherine Lea, Mr Lewis Bach (Pianist to the Royal Court of Prussia). Conductor: MR FRANK J. WATKIS.

Arrangements:—5s, 3s, 2s, and 1s. Plan at reserve seats at the Music Rooms, Yarm-street. Doors open at 7.15; Concert at 8. 24

THE ROMANEY, ESTON, AND DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION will hold their Second ANNUAL SHOW early in February, in the beautiful Grounds at Normanby Hall. 26

Patrick Scallon charged at the Middlesbrough Police Court yesterday is not the Patrick Scallon of Middlesbrough, Middlesbro'. 24

THE ROYAL, MIDDLESBROUGH. THIS WEEK:— Monday and Wednesday — FALLEN AMONG THIEVES. Thursday—A SONG OF IRON. Friday—WILL NOT MARRY. Saturday—THE LIVING. Monday, March 2nd, 1891.—Mr Rignold's Burlesque Company in VENUS.

OXFORD PALACE, Middlesbrough.— THIS WEEK—Miss Billee Barlow, the Leading Serio-Soprano of the Day; Mr George Frederick, the Sisters Bristol, Mr J. P. Carlett, Emmie and Louise. Miss Dot Hetherington, the Boy Wonder.

GAIETY THEATRE, West Hartlepool,— THIS WEEK—Irish and Character Songs and Sketches. OPERA COMPANY.

ALHAMBRA VARIETY THEATRE, Hartlepool (for Lynn-street), West Hartlepool.—Prof. Marvelle's Wondrous Performing Cockatoo, Violetta. Characteristic Irish Ballad Vocalist, Jerold Joe Coyne. The inimitable Musical Illustrations, "John Peel" and "Engine Suggestions," "Lord Billy," and Comic Songs, the Premier Banjo Player and Comedian in his Novel Performance, "Electricone." The Character Comedian. Messrs Ashley and Hackshaw, Comedians. Wonderful Performing Cockatoo.

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YORKSHIRE PENNY BANK. THE MIDDLESBROUGH BRANCH Is OPEN from 9 to 4.45. LINTHORPE-ROAD, from 10 to 3, and Saturday evenings from 6 to 8. Any amount may be deposited. 1s per cent. interest allowed. Any smaller amount, may be withdrawn without notice. Larger sums on giving one day's notice. ARTHUR FORSTER, MANAGER.

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APPRENTICES.—Wanted at once, Several Apprentices to Dressmaking. Apply 21 as Thompson, 79, Albert-road, Middlesbrough. 24

AGENCY for Servants, Miss Wright, Derby House, Paradise-row, Stockton. Good situations.

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AGENCY for Servants: Mrs Rudd, 53, Mandale-road, South Stockton. Moderate terms.

AGENTS Wanted, whole or spare time, commission and bonus. Ireton and Co., 92, Gracechurch-street, London.

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BARMAID Wanted to manage a select bar; must be of good kind of good appearance. Apply personally, with reference, to Mrs McQueen, Waverley Hotel (opposite Station), Sunderland. 26

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CANVASSERS Wanted; liberal terms to good men. Apply 25, Newgate-street, Bishop Auckland. 28

CARPENTERS (three or four) Wanted for Caulking Salt Pan Bundles; by contract or day. Apply Tees Salt Co., Haverton Hill.

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CIVIL Service.—Ages 14 to 20; salaries from £10 to £220; great demand in the Post Office for Ladies under 20; rapid preparation by correspondence and in class. N. Gibson, Writer to Bar, Darlington. 24

COLLECTOR-SALESMEN Wanted; sharp, intelligent Young Man with good references; exceptional terms to men of good ability. Apply, by letter, giving 3 first-class references, The Singer Manufacturing Co., 60, Newport-road, Middlesbrough.

COMMERCIAL - ROOM Waitress (experienced) Wanted immediately. Apply Vane Arms Hotel, Stockton. 25

COOK (good) Wanted immediately. Apply Mrs Purman, Thorn Lea, Darlington.

COOK (good, plain) Wanted immediately; two in family; no washing. Miss Hayllar's Registry, Bridge-road, Stockton. 28

COOK.—Wanted immediately, good plain Cook for Ferryhill; knowledge of dairy preferred. Cooks, Generals, Nurse, and Housemaids for district. Mrs Reid, 28, Northumberland-street, Darlington. 24

DRAPERY.—Wanted, Young Lady as Apprentice. Apply Frank and Co., Drapers, Stockton.

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DRAPERY.—An Assistant Wanted at J. Burnip's, Hemingbrough; live out; one accustomed to Mon's mercery.

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DRESSMAKING.—Apprentices Wanted at once. Apply Mrs Fryer, 26, Milbank-street, Middlesbrough. 2

DRESSMAKER (live out) Wanted; competent hand; take charge of workroom; age, salary, &c. Baker and Sons, Newcastle. 24

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FURNISHING Department.—Wanted, active Junior Assistant. Wright and Archibald, Sussex-street, Middlesbrough. 26

GARDENER Wanted; three days a week. S. S. Farmer, 80, High street, Stockton-on-Tees. 27

GROUNDMAN Wanted for Stokesley Cricket Club Apply W. Yorke, Secretary. 25

GROCERY.—Wanted, smart Youth, one or two years' experience. Address Y15, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 27

GENERAL Servant (good) Wanted. Apply 1, Trentstreet, Norton-road, Stockton. 25

GENERAL Servant Wanted at once. Apply Wilkinson, 37, High street, Redcar.

GENERAL Servant (good, strong, respectable) Wanted. Apply Commercial Hotel, Broadwick. 24

GENERAL Servant Wanted; good plain cook. Apply Mrs Hall, Cambridge-terrace, Norton. 25

GENERAL Servant (respectable), about 16 or 17. Apply 3, Connaught-street, South Bank. 25

GENERAL Servant Wanted immediately; strong and experienced. Apply Mrs Sowler, 45, Westbourne-street, Stockton-on-Tees. 25

GENERAL Servant (good) Wanted; plain cook (principal); no washing. Apply 143, High-street, Stockton.

GENERAL Servant (experienced) Wanted near Stockton for one lady. Apply Miss Hayllar's Registry, Bridge-road, Stockton. 25

GENERAL Servant (experienced) Wanted at once. Apply Mrs Fleming, Woodlands-road, Middlesbrough. 2

GENERAL Servant Wanted, able to wash and cook. Apply Thompson, Butcher, Bowesfield-lane, Stockton-on-Tees. 26

GENERAL Servant; about 20; respectable, with good character. Apply Mrs Conway, Westbourne House, North Ormesby. 25

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GENERAL Servant (respectable) Wanted; no children; good home for steady experienced girl. Heslop, Stanley House, Ocean-road, South Shields. 26

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GENERAL Servant Wanted; housemaid kept. Apply, with reference, Mrs Hay, Rockside, Hartlepool. 28

GIRL Wanted, aged about 15 or 16. Apply 7, Henry-street, Corporation-road, Stockton. 25

GIRL Wanted, about 16; from country preferred; in small family. Mrs Pollard, Vyner-terrace, Stockton. 26

GIRL (young, respectable) Wanted immediately, between 15 and 16, to make herself generally useful; an older girl kept. Apply 2, Blenheim Villas, Grove Hill, Middlesbrough. 25

HOUSEMAID-WAITRESS Wanted; age not under 20. Apply Royal Hotel, South Bank. 24

HOUSEMAID Wanted at once. Apply Mrs Carter, 9, West End-terrace, Yarm-lane, Stockton.

HOUSEMAID (experienced) Wanted. Address, stating age and wages required, K40, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 26

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KNITTER Wanted; also, Apprentice to Knitting Machine. Apply 1, Cardigan-street, Stockton. 24

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LADY Wanted as Nursery-Governess or Mother's Help. Reply, stating salary required, L2, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 25

LAD Wanted for Farmwork. Apply at Nixon, Ingleworth Farm, Norton, Stockton. 25

LADS.—Wanted at once, two or three strong Lads for bottle washing, &c. Apply Winterschinken and Co., Richmond, Yorkshire, or Stockton.

LAUNDRESS (experienced) Wanted in the country, to undertake a family washing at a gentleman's laundry, and live in the village; cottage or rooms found. Apply, with full particulars to F15, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 25

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MAN (respectable) Wanted immediately; wages 35s per week; regular work; education unnecessary. Address Surface Company, Bolton.

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NURSE (experienced) Wanted for one child; good needlewoman. Send full particulars, Miss Hyllear's, Bridge-road, Stockton.

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PLAIN Cook (good) and House-parlourmaid Wanted immediately for quiet family; must be well recommended; cook not under 30; all found but beer; good wages. Mrs Stone, Meyrick House, Hereford. 24

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SITUATION Wanted as Housekeeper to respectable working man; good needle woman. Apply 5, Emanuel-street, Stockton. 26

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HOUSE (7 rooms) in 18, Pembroke-street, Middlesbrough, for Sale; cheap. Apply 5, Clarendon-terrace, Linthorpe-road, Middlesbrough. m10

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PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1875, 38 and 39 Vict., c. 55, Sch. II. (25), and Sch. IV. (Form L.)

REGISTER OF OWNERS FOR THE DISTRICT OF SKELTON AND BROTTON.—NOTICE OF TIME FOR MAKING CLAIMS AND OBJECTIONS.—I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that all persons who are entitled to vote as Owners or Proxies at the Election of Members of the Local Board for the District of SKELTON and BROTTON, and who are not on the Register of Owners and Proxies now in force, or who being on the Register do not retain the qualification or the address described therein, and who are desirous to have their names inserted in the Register about to be made for the said District, and all persons who are desirous of objecting to any name on the Register now in force, are hereby required to give or send to me, on some one of the first six days in March next, a Claim or Objection (*as the case may be*) in the form hereunder set forth.

E. HAMILTON, *Chairman of the Local Board.*

OWNER'S CLAIM.

To the Chairman of the Local Board for the District of Skelton and Brotton.

This *day of* *18*

I, the undersigned, claim to have my name inserted in the Register of Owners and Proxies for the District of Skelton and Brotton, pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1875, as Owner of the Property hereinafter described, which is situated in the Parish of

that is so say: (*a*)

I also state that the Interest or Estate which I have in such Property, and the amount of all the Rent-service which I receive or pay in respect thereof, and the names of the Persons from whom I receive or to whom I pay such Rent-service, are set forth in the Form hereunder written.

Description of Property (*b*)	In respect of which I have an Estate or Interest of (*c*)	And in respect of which I receive in Rent-service the sum of (*d*) *	From (*e*)	And in respect of which I pay in Rent-service the sum of (*f*) *	To (*g*)
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	

Signature of Claimant. *Address (i) of Claimant.*

(*a*) Here insert a clear statement of the Property as "House," "Building," "House and Land."

(*b*) Describe the Property by its Name, Situation, or name of the Occupier, or any other designation by which it may be identified.

(*c*) Describe the Estate or Interest, as *an Estate in fee simple, of freehold, a term of* years, and also whether it is held by the Claimant solely or jointly with others, and in the case of a Partner claiming,

(*d*) A Partner must set out the amount of Rent-service which he would receive or pay if the qualifying property were equally divided among his co-partners and himself.

(*e*) Insert the number and names of the other Partners in the Firm.

(*f*) If the Property is let by the Owner, insert the amount of Rent received from each Tenant.

(*g*) Insert Name of Tenant or Tenants.

(*h*) If the Owner is a Lessee paying Rent, insert the amount of all the Rent he pays.

(*i*) Insert the name of the Lessor.

(*k*) This need not be the Owner's residence; but should be some Address within the District.

CLAIM OF PROXY.

To the Chairman of the Local Board for the District of Skelton and Brotton.

This *day of* *18*

I, the undersigned, having been appointed by of Owner [*or* Owners] of the Property hereinafter described, which is situated in the parish of [*or* their] Proxy pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1875, claim to have my name inserted in the Register of Owners and Proxies for the District of Skelton and Brotton, as such Proxy.

I herewith transmit to you (*a*) the writing under the hand [*or hands, or in the case of a Corporation,* the seal] of appointing me such Proxy.

I also state that the Interest or Estate which has [*or* have] in such Property, and the amount of the Rent-service which he [*or* they] receives [*or* receive] or pays [*or* pay] in respect thereof, and the names of the Persons from whom he [*or* they] receives [*or* receive] or to whom he [*or* they] pays [*or* pay] such Rent-service, are set forth in the Form hereunder written.

Description of Property (*b*)	In respect of which the Appointor has an Estate or Interest of (*c*)	And in respect of which the Appointor receives in Rent-service the sum of (*d*)	From (*e*)	And in respect of which the Appointor pays in Rent-service the sum of (*f*)	To (*g*)
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	

Signature of Proxy. *Address (h) of Proxy.*

(*a*) If the appointment itself is not sent, insert the words "*an attested copy of*".

(*b*) Describe the Property by its Name, Situation, or the name of the Occupier, or any other designation by which it may be identified.

(*c*) Describe the Estate or Interest, as *an estate in fee simple, of freehold, a term of* years, and whether it is held by the Appointor solely or jointly with others.

(*d*) If the Property is let by the Appointor, insert the amount of rent received from each Tenant.

(*e*) Insert the name of Tenant or Tenants.

(*f*) If the Appointor is a Lessee paying Rent, insert the amount of all the Rent he pays.

(*g*) Insert the Name of the Lessor.

(*h*) This not be the Proxy's residence, but should be some address within the District.

FORM OF OBJECTION.

To the Chairman of the Local Board for the District of Skelton and Brotton. *This* *day of* *18*

I hereby give you notice that I Object to the Name of the Person mentioned and described below being retained on the Register of Owners and Proxies for the District of Skelton and Brotton.

Christian and Surname of the Owner or Proxy Objected to.	Address as described.	Nature of Qualification as described.	Description (in case of Proxy) of Appointor.

Signature of Objector. *Address of Objector.*

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North-Eastern Daily Gazette.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1891.

NOVELS.

WHAT are the qualities of a good novel? What are the uses of the novel, and what are the dangers of noval reading? These questions are frequently discussed; and every now and then someone supposed to be a great authority undertakes to enlighten the world upon the interesting subject. Within the last few days Miss Edwardes, the novelist, who, of course, may be considered to have her fingers on "the very pulse of the machine" of her art, has been lecturing upon novels, and giving her opinion upon several practical and controverted matters connected therewith. People often and not unnaturally want to know in what way artists, literary and other, produce their effects. The artist can seldom tell, and in proportion as he is a true genius his difficulty of explaining increases. One great painter, upon being asked how he had produced certain effects in a picture, said he did not know, and that he brought them out by keeping trying. That truth was he had the inborn faculty, and could no more explain its operation than the lark could write a clear exposition of its gift of song. Burns never could have "told" anyone, for he did not know himself, how he came by the thoughts in "Tam o' Shanter." Genius is a wind that bloweth where it listeth. Edgar Allen Poe, we believe, has put on record an account of the manner in which he composed "The Raven"—how he first wrote a stanza somewhere in the middle of the poem, and then worked backwards and forwards to the beginning and the end. But the explanation, such as it is, is only a mere statement of how the parts were put together after they had been produced in the secret workings of his own mind. But how were they originated there? Shelley is said to have written "An Ode to a Skylark" after lying coiled up on the hearthrug for one or two days. It is possible for a good many to imitate the process of lying coiled up before the fire; but it is questionable whether this two days' toasting would make any one of us

Like a post hidden
In the light of thought,
Singing hymns unbidden,
Till the world is wrought
To sympathy with hopes and fears it heeded not.

It is not the workings of his own mind that the artist or genius can reveal; these are equally hidden from himself; but he may tell us something useful, and also, like other folks, make mistakes as to the character of his own class of work.

Miss Edwardes does not, however, tell us much, while some of her opinions are open to great objections. She does not, for instance, approve of historical novels, though Scott does not receive out-and-out condemnation. Why historical novels are, like the Northern Farmer's poor, in a lump bad, we are not informed. All we know is that Miss Edwardes thinks so. But we venture to think that while some historical novels are bad—indeed, very bad—some others of them are very good. Supposing a man of genius, whether a dramatist like Shakespeare or a novelist like Scott, can give us a correct picture of the past, make the dry bones live, and cause us to realise bygone times more truly as well as more vividly than the dry-as-dust or any kind of the mere historian can do, and at the same time give us delight and stimulus in the reading, is not his drama or novel good and useful in almost every possible sense? We should think so. Of course a novel which gives us false views and impressions of the past is, however fascinating, bad because it is misleading. But a novel which gives us mistaken ideas of present everyday life is very much worse. The bad historical novel only gives us wrong opinions; but the bad novel of contemporary life and manners leads to wrong conduct, and possibly to misery and ruin. All the time, however, it may be very entertaining and exciting, but it is like a false, treacherous guide, who is the pleasantest companion in the world, but he takes us the wrong road, and brings us out at the wrong place. "George Eliot," whom Miss Edwardes does not seem to like, in a chapter in "Adam Bede" says that she durst no more depict unreal character than she durst go into the witness-box and perjure herself. She may possibly have given us unreal character by mistake or through defective skill; but, at all events, she was conscientious, and knew it was her solemn duty to be true.

As to what Miss Edwardes considers the chief uses of novels we are not sure that her opinions ought to find acceptance. We quite agree with her, however, when she says that one benefit conferred by novels is to make us forget our troubles. An exciting story, if in other respects it be innocent and do not contain the germs of moral or mental typhoid, is indeed a valuable solace and a great addition to the blessings of existence if it bring "the heart surcease of sorrow" even for a time. In these parentheses of oblivion to our cares we gain strength for fight or for endurance. But this use may be perverted by exciting novel reading being resorted to for the purpose of deadening conscience and of blunting the feelings of deserved self-reproach. And what can be said when the novel is the refuge and support of worthless idleness? Still, with these

SHOCKING TRAGEDY AT HANLEY.

FRACTURING A WOMAN'S SKULL WITH A HAMMER.

THE ASSAILANT SHOT DEAD BY HIS VICTIM.

This morning, at an early hour, a tragedy, ... was at first thought to be similar in ... to the one which took place at ... Side colliery, situated at Hanley. It ... ascertained that Alfred Roberts, *alias* ... Lindop, of Sneyd Staffordshire, living ... wife, recently went to lodge with a ... named Jane Lindop, living apart ... husband at a little green-... in Bucknall New-road, Hanley. ... they had been acquainted a few weeks they ... frequently quarrelled, and ultimately ... Mrs Lindop ordered Roberts out of her ... He threatened to blow her brains out, and ... left her house a fortnight since. The ... assert that O'Neill had tried to ... keys from the adjoining householders ... week it is supposed, of effecting an ... into Lindop's house. He has frequently been seen near the house in ... watching for Mrs Lindop, and ... observed about ten o'clock on Sunday ... Lindop retired to rest about half-past ten ... with a little girl. The neighbours were ... about half-past eleven by the report of ... No immediate steps were taken to ... the cause of the report, but after a while ... hour went to look through the front ... and found everything quiet After waiting ... a second report was heard. Several neighbours coming up, the house was ... Lindop was found prostrate, having ... killed with a hammer and shot with a revolver, ... the would-be murderer was lying dead with ... wound in his temple. The woman ... removed to the North Staffordshire Infirmary, ... lies in a dangerous condition. It is ... that Lindop shot O'Neill in defending ... from his attack with a hammer which was ... in the bed-room covered with blood. It ... that O'Neill gained admittance with a new ... of Lindop's absence. He secreted himself ... at the foot of the stairs; allowed Lindop to retire, ... then entered the bed-room, and attacking her ... her skull in two places. It is thought ... that the woman had obtained a revolver ... and fired it in self-defence against O'Neill, who had frequently ... threatened her. From medical examination it ... is improbable that O'Neill's wound was self-... and further, the revolver was found on ... floor where the woman lay, and some distance ... O'Neill's body. This theory is believed by ... Lindop, who is not expected to recover. ... the woman, who is not expected to recover. ... stated that O'Neill came into the room, ... that she knew of his presence was a shot ... through her head. She is extremely ... in her statements.

WOMAN FOUND MURDERED IN GATESHEAD.

A woman called Jane, aged about 50 years, but whose surname is unknown, was found dead in a ... house in a low part of Gateshead this ... with her skull fractured. An old pensioner named Walker, aged about 60 years, who has been living with her, has been arrested on ... charge.

CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERS.

AMERICAN *VERSUS* CLEVELAND IRON MANUFACTURE.

There was an exceedingly good attendance ... the Lecture Hall of the Cleveland Literary ... last night, when Mr C. J. Bagshaw, ... the president, occupied the chair. — The following new members were elected: — Mr ... Anderson Cockburn; Messrs R. T. Cook, ... Wills and E. G. Thomas, Stockton; and Mr ... Hawk, Rotherham.—Mr Wm. Hawdon, Middlesbrough, then read a paper on the comparative working of American as compared with English ... and hence practice from what was seen of the ... of iron during the recent visit of the Iron and Steel Institute in America. ... the Northern States they had in the best works ... blowing plant, built almost regardless of cost, ... fitted with all the latest improvements that ... and modern practice and their own experience of ... Cleveland ores working had given them, together with ... best ores, containing about 63 per cent. of iron, and ... coal; whilst in the Southern States, where ... coal was not so plentiful and experience only of ... ores, they had large quantities of cheaper and ... quality for production. Also ores and fuel of ... quality containing about 38 to 40 per ... of iron. In Cleveland two chief points were ... to successful working—viz., economy of ... and output of production. In America, where ... labour is half that in England, and fuel ... to be had run higher than in England, and fuel ... periods—fuel, too, being cheaper—the chief ... of the manufacturer was large output; ... fuel economy. Probably whilst seeking ... in these ends both had rather overshot the ... Still, they had learned the family motto of ... the blast in Clevelands furnaces. The American ... was to build a separate blast-main ... each furnace, with two or more blowing engines ... to it, and by an arrangement of valves ... engine can be blown into any particular main. ... they had a reserve engine to be called in ... pressure might be desired. It seemed almost ... idea how the Cleveland Engineers could have ... the valuable arrangement of blast supply ... by without having adopted it. Not only ... more iron made, but better quality was secured, ... less fuel. In America several ... were making 2,300 to 2,400 tons (2,296lbs.) ... week. The more general make was about ... tons and upwards. On the top of the "Edgar ... furnace they found fixed up three ... one for the biggest day's work, one for the ... week's make, and one for the big ... indicating that it swept off before it and ... the intermediate men took in their work. ... the second part of the question, the quantity ... consumed per ton of iron produced. ... had given them figures which showed ... an "improvement" in the consumption of coke to the output ... reduced year by year, the average daily ... last year being 31l tons to 1...92lbs. of ... these figures been acknowledged to be the ... record of American blast-furnace practice. ... the number of furnaces working under ... conditions of ore and fuel did not touch ... either in make or consumption of fuel, but ... 1,000 to 1,600 tons of iron per week. ... evident that there was something more ... than chemical and mechanical condition ... materials employed in smelting that went ... to make and economy of fuel. ... lines on which the furnace was built, ... of bosh, size of well, good distribution of ... at the throat. The Americans also went ... readily under the fostering influence of a ... protected by large profits. The same in ... was called on them for large outputs, which their ... and mechanical genius responded to readily. ... mentions, in driving, overlooked the saving ... is proved to be effected in fuel economy; ... the English, in economising fuel, had overlooked the fact that there was also economy in ... for make—*time is a point*. The advantage ... seemed to him to be on the side of the English ... —certainly for this country, and he thought ... in America. Mr Hawdon then went into ... in which coal proved to his mind that our ... system was superior to that of America. ... their yard saving.—Mr G. Hills said the ... he referred to by Mr Hawdon were the ... furnaces in America, and should only ... with the best in this country. ... One point would be admit any ... body of knowledge or of practice ... part of the Americans, taking into ... the different circumstances of the two ... He would go further, and say that ... his experience, extending over thirty-five ... in our best practice we had always been ... ahead of the Americans. He held ... they had better and more profitable results by ... two furnaces rather than by producing ... amount of iron from one furnace. Before ... the output of the furnaces of this ... we were suffering from over-production, ... to increase it was to aggravate the ... from which they suffered.—Mr C. Wood ... the figures quoted as to the American ... were misleading, in consequence ... coals and easily smeltable properties of ... which was used, and which were totally ... to English.—Mr S. Howson said he ... with the somewhat conservative observations ... Mr Gordon.— Mr E. Strain ... a separate blast engine to a furnace ... must be a very great advantage. ... question, however, if the American iron ... equalled the Cleveland furnaces and ... used the blast, they would produce iron ... more economically.—Captain J. G. Swan, ... Bell, Mr Jeremiah Head, Mr Adamson, ... Heath continued the discussion, and Mr ... replied. He said that in America they ... four shifts, and employed about the ... number of men as we in England, relatively ... output.—The usual votes of thanks were ...

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THE SILKSWORTH DISPUTE.

NEGOTIATIONS AGAIN FAIL.

ONLY ONE CANDYMAN LEFT.

THE EVICTIONS TO BE RESUMED.

The hopes entertained yesterday that a settlement would be arrived at are dissipated by the decision of the Coalowners' Association. The action of the committee, in regard to the Silksworth dispute was confirmed, and it was further decided that legal proceedings should be taken against the men at those collieries which had been laid idle without notice. The above meeting was largely attended. The coalowners further decided to leave unnoticed, *pro tem.*, the miners' executive, owing to that body being apparently powerless to act for the time being. In the event of any further individual action by the men causing unnecessary stoppages, it is feared a general lock-out may ultimately be decided on. The deputies are the only force that can now cut the Gordian knot and end the evictions, and these have again proved firm to their decision not to join the Miners' Association. It is now possible that some of them will have the zeal and satisfaction of knowing their action is the cause of

THE EVICTION OF THEIR MARRIED SONS AND DAUGHTERS,

their cousins and aunts and uncles, and all the numerous circle of relatives. And this when the majority of the deputies at their colliery are in the Miners' Association. In addition to the six candymen who left Candy Hall yesterday morning, later in the day no fewer than ten more left the place in a batch, and proceeded straight to Sunderland, leaving only one candyman behind them. The men on their arrival at Sunderland were seen by Mr Storey, M.P., at the Waverley Hotel, whence they proceeded to the railway station and took train to Hartlepool, to which town they principally belong.

A BASIS OF SETTLEMENT.

The Mayor of Sunderland writes:—"The deplorable state of matters existing at Silksworth Colliery is most naturally the subject of great regret throughout the county, and has given rise much thought as Mayor of the town, and therefore concerned in all that affects it and its immediate neighbourhood. Without in any way expressing the slightest opinion upon the question in dispute, I should be exceedingly pleased could any services of mine have any tendency towards a resumption of those harmonious relations between employers and workmen which are so desirable in the interests of all concerned in the trade of the district. In this spirit I venture to suggest that some such proposition as the following might be a basis for arrangement —

1. That the men should resume work.
2. That the deputies who became members of the Miners' Association after the men's notices were given should pay their arrears of subscription.
3. That the general question as to the future position of the deputies be a matter for settlement between the two associations.

Such a course as the foregoing would, I think, be fair and equitable to both parties.

(To the Editor of the North-Eastern Daily Gazette.)

SIR,—The Durham Coalowners' Association feels it due to the Marquis of Londonderry to correct the misapprehension which appears to prevail that the eviction proceedings at Silksworth were taken on his lordship's responsibility. His lordship is a member of the Owners' Association, and acts entirely under its direction.—Yours, &c.,

LINDSAY WOOD, Chairman.
DAVID DALE, Vice chairman.
REGINALD GUTHRIE, Secretary.

Coal Trade Office, Newcastle, Feb. 23rd. 1891.

THE CANDYMEN AND THEIR TREATMENT.

The men who left Candy Hall yesterday morning made strong assertions as to the watchfulness of the police in charge. Until the intervention of Mr Storey, they were unaware of their perfect liberty of action after having undertaken a task which even to them has proved of a most disagreeable kind. They told our representative that no movement of any kind could be made by them without their having the attention of one or more police officers. The first move to get out of the building was made on Thursday, and a note conveying the men's intention conveyed to the people outside resulted in an arrangement being made for their liberation. Yesterday morning they candidly told those in attendance that they were convinced that neither cajoling, nor bribes would prevail to enforce them to commence their unpleasant task and there is little likelihood of any now in the place again taking part in the work. Some were taken off under the impression that they were to move timber, whilst others had no information as to what duties they were required to perform. One of the men states that when he attempted to leave he was taken by the throat and nearly strangled by one of the officers in charge. Yesterday morning they asserted that each man was separately and privately interviewed with a view to learning whether or not he would proceed to the evictions, and though no accurate statement can be made as to the complete result of this, yet the fact that none turned out seems to imply that the great majority have refused the task. When information got amongst them that they would be given a week's pay for the clearing out of the 96 warrants to be acted upon yesterday, and ten minutes was given them to decide. They have been lavishly supplied with drink at Candy Hall, but complain of the length of time between the meals. This difficulty of the candymen may prove a serious and important factor in its bearing on the present stage of the dispute.

MADE THREATENING DEMONSTRATIONS

at the lads over his head with a pick. However, the house was soon cleared, and the men crossed over to No. 31. The door was found to be strongly fastened, but the window was soon forced, the candyman being now pretty expert. Smashing one pane the clasp was soon wrenched off; the window lifted out of the sash, the door opened from the inside, and the furniture taken out very speedily. The house of Wm. Coates 32 was quickly opened, but at No 14, the candymen met with

A MUSICAL RECEPTION,

one man playing an accordion and a woman beating a tin can, and a small garrison inside dancing a jig. When the window was forced, despite some barricading, the occupants pressed against it to prevent an entrance, but they were soon pushed aside. Inside the door was found to be barricaded with balks of timber, and so nailed up that it was a long time before it could be forced. In removing the furniture one of the candymen had

SOME PEPPER SHAKEN INTO HIS EYES

from a papered loop by one of the women. On the opposite side, No. 33, was a large garrison of men, but the first outwork, the window, as usual, was soon carried, and the door gave but little trouble. At No. 13 opposite (Matthew Pearson's) the window gave somewhat more trouble, and the door posts were splintered by the crowbars before the door was forced. No. 34 (James Ainscough's) again was well barricaded, and the window having been forced the evictors entered to

THE STRAINS OF A SMALL BARREL-ORGAN

played very vigorously inside. The inmates appeared to enjoy the proceedings immensely, and the old man brought out the barrel-organ after the door was forced, and kept it going industriously. The window of No. 12 (James Clark) had to be smashed to fragments to effect an opening. The door also gave some trouble, but the crowbar soon prevailed. While removing the furniture the candymen were plentifully spat upon by the youths on the roof. At No. 11 (Jno Clark's) also the evictors were received with dancing and merriment, but an entry and clearance were soon effected, one-half the windows being shattered. No. 35, was passed by, the tenant, Thomas Forsyth, not being under notice, while 36 and 37 were entered with but little trouble, and speedily cleared. On the other side Nos. 10 and 9 were as readily dealt with, the candymen showing increasing expertness in their work as they proceeded. One of the candymen with a golden auburn head of hair was an especial mark of the wags on the roofs, and as he showed an inclination to resent his baiting he was the more mocked. Once or twice he had to be called off to his work while abusing his detractors on the roofs. Just now he picked up a stone to reply with, but such a howl arose that he wisely dropped the missile again. Had he thrown it the threatening demonstrations his act aroused rendered it highly probable that he would have had reason to regret it. At No. 39 (John Phillips) the entrance was more difficult the window and door being both very strongly nailed up, and the door had to be smashed to matchwood. On the door of Mr Carter's was chalked the legend

"NO ROAD FOR CANDYMEN."

However, the candymen made a road by bursting the door off the hinges, and forcing it bodily with some trouble and much damage to the door. The street was now full of furniture, some of it very good, and bearing evidence of good taste on the part of the tenants, while the evicted people sat in the sun nursing their babies, smoking, laughing, shouting, or in sober meditation, according to their respective temperaments. On the whole all seemed cheerful, if excited. 'Annie Rooney" and the other songs gave way after another innings now to "The Shamrock, the Thistle, and the Rose." The evictors succeeded now in entering one or two houses without smashing the windows, the doors yielding to the crowbars, but at Chas. Prince's (No. 49) they had again to resort to the window, the door being unyielding. At No. 43 (Joseph Clark's) the door being found strongly fastened, the window was again tried, and proved one of the most obstinate of the series, the efforts of the crowbar men being decisively cheered from within. The door, also, was most firmly fixed with nails and proved one of the most troublesome in the street.

"THAT'S A LITTLE BONNY UN,"

yelled the youths on the roofs delightedly as they witnessed the stout resistances which the door offered to the crowbar brigade, but it yielded at length to the bombardment, and the contents of the house were added to the display in the street. Not only were the men engaged in the eviction

OLDER, STRONGER, AND MORE EXPERT

than those of Friday and Saturday, but they had a clearer ground to work upon. The police kept a space of about thirty yards clear from the crowd with a cordon at either end inside which were the evictors, the Press representatives, and only two of the executive of the Miners' Union, Mr Wilson and Mr Palmer, financial secretary and secretary. All other members being excluded by the order of the County Authorities up till to-day the members of the committee, numbering 22, were admitted. The tenants readily obeyed these two gentlemen, and a word or two from them was sufficient to quell any ebullition of excitement on their part so that not a single scene of violence took place as the candymen broke into their houses and turned out their effects into the street. In justice to the candymen, it must be said that they handled the furniture with much care, and very little damage was done in any case of those hasty removals. But little angry feeling was shown considering the circumstances, although there was undoubtedly great excitement.

NOTICES GIVEN IN AT NEW SEAHAM AND RAINTON COLLIERIES.

Yesterday, in accordance with previous arrangements, the whole of the men at New Seaham and Rainton Collieries, which are the property of the Marquis of Londonderry, gave a fortnight's notice to cease work. Should the notices expire before the settlement of the Silksworth dispute, an additional 6,000 men will be on strike, and all Lord Londonderry's coal mines will be at a standstill. The consequence of such an issue has a most disastrous outlook for the whole district. The town of Seaham Harbour would feel the effects of the stoppage to an intense degree, as the trade of the place almost entirely depends upon the continued working of New Seaham and Rainton pits. Lord Londonderry's magnificent fleet of steamers will of necessity have to be laid up if the collieries cease work.

SOUTH HETTON COLLIERY AT WORK.

The workmen at South Hetton Colliery who stopped the pits on Friday last because of the evictions at Silksworth held a meeting last night in the Miners' Hall at the first-named place. The delegates who had attended the representative meeting at Ryhope during the afternoon of yesterday were present. The latter explained to the assembled men what had been discussed at the Ryhope conference, and in the end a motion was put to the meeting whether to continue idle or return to work and contribute an extra levy to the support of the Silksworth men. The decision of the meeting was in favour of the latter course, consequently the whole of the men at South Hetton resumed work this morning. The colliery is again in full employment.

AN APPEAL TO THE DEPUTIES.

(To the Editor of the North-Eastern Daily Gazette.)

SIR,—Mr George Bell says the deputies have an Association of their own which has had a standing of nearly sixteen years, and the lines laid down in their rules they say, the owners have nothing to do with, as they are based on principle. I would ask Mr Bell a few questions on this principle. First, if the owners have nothing to do with their Association, how is it the owners gave them fourpence per day to leave the Durham Miners' Association? And again, how is it that the agents at Tow Law object to a man remaining as an active member of the Durham Miners' Association when he becomes a deputy? I would ask Mr Bell what the Deputies' Association has done for them as a separate class of workmen, in these last sixteen years? Has the Deputies' Association got for them better wages and shorter hours? I say it has not. Has the Deputies' Association got for them generally anything? I say it has not. Mr Bell asks what is required to constitute a genuine organisation. I would say—Come back again to the ark which gave you freedom, which lightened your labour, which gave you higher wages. Come back like the prodigal to the home that shelters you. We never asked you to leave us. We never drove you away. But the task-masters did, with fourpence per day.—Yours faithfully,

A LOVER OF UNITY.

Howden le Wear.

(To the Editor of the North-Eastern Daily Gazette.)

SIR,—In connection with the dispute at Silksworth Colliery it may be well to mention in the columns of your valuable paper the step taken by the deputies at our colliery (North Bitchburn) as showing how they regard the position in which a portion of the deputies at Silksworth have placed themselves. An invitation was given to them to join the Miners' Association, when they requested that a conference be held between themselves and representatives of the miners' lodge. This conference was arranged. After a friendly conversation upon the position of deputies and other matters of detail they unanimously resolved to join the Miners' Association, which resolution was put into practice on Friday night last by them all coming forward and paying their contributions. It is to be hoped that the deputies at Silksworth will follow this excellent example set by their fellows at Houghton and North Bitchburn collieries, and thus put a stop to this dispute, which is causing such a commotion in the labour world, estranging relations between employer and employed, breaking up the domestic circle, and turning innocent children and their mothers into the street.—I beg to remain, yours faithfully,

JOHN T. BUDD,
Secretary North Bitchburn Lodge.

Bridge-street, Howden-le-Wear, February 23rd, 1891.

THE GOVERNMENT AND LABOUR QUESTIONS.

AN IMPORTANT MOVE.

A ROYAL COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY TO BE APPOINTED.

An announcement is made this morning of no ordinary importance. It was decided, says the *Standard*, at the Cabinet Council on Saturday to appoint a Royal Commission to enquire into the relations at present subsisting between employers and employed. It is not in one direction, but in many, that the tendencies which have to be investigated assert themselves. To confine the labours of the Commission, for instance, to strikes, even if the members were empowered to consider every suggestion for remedying or averting the friction that shows itself in this form, would still leave untouched a vast number of questions connected with the reciprocal attitudes of capital and labour. Trade disputes no longer arise solely out of differences of opinion as to the fair proportion between wages and profit. The conditions under which production is to be carried on become more and more the features of interest, even in the individual struggle, and in some of their forms they occupy just now a controversial field that happily lies outside the area of actual conflict. It is not merely the equity of the demand made on the part of the workman for higher pay or shorter hours of work, or the modification of regulations, that engage attention. The measures which a certain order of labour officials deem it proper to take to exact compliance with the claims of the workman are the really piquant element.

A NOTABLE DIVORCE SUIT.

£200 DAMAGES.

The divorce case of Pierce *v.* Pierce, Lockwood, Davies, Sharp, and Greenwood came before Justice Jeune to-day for judgment. On Saturday the jury found that the respondent, Mrs Pierce, had committed adultery with the co-respondents, Mr James Lockwood, saddler, Manchester; and Mr Turner, professional cricketer, of Stoke-on-Trent, and awarded £200 damages against Mr Lockwood.—His lordship now found that the respondent had also committed adultery with a third co-respondent.

THE POOR AND THE PRICE OF COAL.

Much public indignation has been aroused in the Hartlepools at the sudden and unprecedented rise in the price of coal for household consumption, the rate having gone up since Saturday from 10d per cwt. bag to 1s 3d. This is felt to be a great hardship upon the poor, who are compelled to purchase their supplies in small quantities, and are consequently the greatest sufferers by the extraordinary advance. The rise, too, is all the more irritating to householders from the fact that coal is being shipped at as low a rate as 13s per ton, whilst for the same class of coal the public are having to pay 25s. What is wanted in the Hartlepools, it is urged, is a public depot, where the inhabitants could obtain their supplies without having to depend altogether upon private dealers. The local trip is a member of the Owners' Association, and acts entirely under its direction.—Yours, &c.,

LINDSAY WOOD, Chairman.
DAVID DALE, Vice chairman.
REGINALD GUTHRIE, Secretary.

Coal Trade Office, Newcastle, Feb. 23rd. 1891.

THE CANDYMEN AND THEIR TREATMENT.

The men who left Candy Hall yesterday morning made strong assertions as to the watchfulness of the police in charge. Until the intervention of Mr Storey, they were unaware of their perfect liberty of action after having undertaken a task which even to them has proved of a most disagreeable kind. They told our representative that no movement of any kind could be made by them without their having the attention of one or more police officers. The first move to get out of the building was made on Thursday, and a note conveying the men's intention conveyed to the people outside resulted in an arrangement being made for their liberation. Yesterday morning they candidly told those in attendance that they were convinced that neither cajoling, nor bribes would prevail to enforce them to commence their unpleasant task and there is little likelihood of any now in the place again taking part in the work. Some were taken off under the impression that they were to move timber, whilst others had no information as to what duties they were required to perform. One of the men states that when he attempted to leave he was taken by the throat and nearly strangled by one of the officers in charge. Yesterday morning they asserted that each man was separately and privately interviewed with a view to learning whether or not he would proceed to the evictions, and though no accurate statement can be made as to the complete result of this, yet the fact that none turned out seems to imply that the great majority have refused the task. When information got amongst them that they would be given a week's pay for the clearing out of the 96 warrants to be acted upon yesterday, and ten minutes was given them to decide. They have been lavishly supplied with drink at Candy Hall, but complain of the length of time between the meals. This difficulty of the candymen may prove a serious and important factor in its bearing on the present stage of the dispute.

GREAT FIRE IN LONDON.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO BUSINESS PREMISES.

A great fire occurred at Notting Hill, London, early his morning. It originated on the premises of Messrs G. Gordon and Co., auctioneers, 21, Archer-street, where the flames were first seen bursting from the show-room and furniture store, forty yards long. The inflammable nature of the goods caused the flames to spread rapidly, and the entire building was soon involved. When fire engines began to arrive the flames were attacking a dozen tenements in Portobello-road, Stanley Gardens Mews, and other places near by. The windows of many of the houses were shattered in a very short space of time by the intense heat. A basement-room adjoining and a confectioner's and dressmaker's were also attacked, and much damaged. The furniture warehouse, of two floors, was almost entirely burnt out, and four shops in Archer-street, three houses in Portobello-road, and four houses and stables were severely damaged. The firemen's efforts were much hindered by the intense fog.

THE WHITECHAPEL MURDER.

THE RESUMED INQUEST.

The inquest on Frances Coles, who was murdered on the 13th inst., was resumed yesterday. Mr Lawless appeared for the accused man Sadler. Further evidence having been taken touching Sadler's movements on the Friday morning, Duncan Campbell proved buying a knife (produced) from [Sadler] at the Sailors' Home, Wells-street. Sadler said he bought it in America. Witness, on hearing of the murder, went afterwards, looked at the knife, but noticed nothing. They afterwards put it in water, which it coloured. Next day he sold the knife to Mr Robinson, who identified it.—Ferand Dolafosse, pay clerk at Tower Hill, stated that at half-past ten on Friday morning a man presented a note from P. Sadler, ship Fez, for £4 15s. There was blood on the paper, and Sadler said he had been knocked about. He was paid. A copy of Sadler's statement to Inspector Swanson was put in. The substance was that he left deceased at the Marlborough Head public-house, to meet a man named Nichols, appointing to meet again. On returning a woman with a red shawl struck him on the head, and he was knocked down and lost all his money.—Dr. Oxley, who was called to the deceased, said her throat was cut, and the woman was on the ground by a person in front. A man were improperly drunk he could not have caused the wound.—The enquiry was again adjourned.

THE SCOTCH BLAST-FURNACE-MEN'S STRIKE.

EVICTIONS IMPENDING.

Neither side is willing to give way in this dispute, which chiefly turns on the question of Sunday labour; and another day or two will see similar scenes to those now going on at Silksworth. Dixon and Company still express themselves as being willing to receive overtures from the men before they resort to the extremity of giving effect to to-morrow's decision of the Sheriff with regard to the evictions. Several of the furnacemen removed to other houses yesterday. Very many of the men have, however, been quite unable to procure houses, even with the aid of shopkeepers' certificates. At Hamilton yesterday Messrs William Brown and Company, solicitors, Hamilton, for the Coltness Iron Company, took out 29 summonses against furnacemen and others on strike, to have them ejected from the company's houses at Newmains. On 2nd January the men were asked to remove in eight days, and not complying, were written to for an explanation, when they stated they would not go out till evicted. The cases will be called in Hamilton Sheriff Court on Friday. The Reformed Presbyteries of Glasgow and Edinburgh have sent a communication to employers and employed in connection with the blast-furnacemen's strike, urging them to use the present crisis to bring about the discontinuance of Sunday labour.

JEWELLERY ROBBERY AT MIDDLESBROUGH.

ANOTHER CLEVER CAPTURE.

Information was this morning received by the Stockton police from Middlesbrough to the effect that a man was wanted there for a robbery of jewellery, consisting of a gold watch, silver watch, lady's gold chain, gold rings, trinkets, &c. The information was received at 9.30, and by eleven o'clock a man who is believed to be the thief was in the lock-up. It appears that enquiries were made at the pawnbroker's shops, and it was found that articles of jewellery corresponding with some of those stolen had been pawned in the town. In the course of the investigations Inspector Cameron was in Bishop-street, and there saw a man who seemed to answer the description given by the Middlesbrough police. He stopped him, questioned him, and was met with a denial. He took him to the police station, however, and there a pawn-ticket relating to one of the rings was found in his possession. He then admitted the robbery, and that he had sold to another man for £5 a gold watch and chain. The latter, which is a very valuable article, had been pledged for £2. Prisoner first gave the name of William Kirby, but his right name is William Devine. He is described as a seaman and labourer. The articles so far recovered are a gold watch, lady's gold chain, and a gold ring.

TO ALL WHO ARE SUFFERING from chronic Kidney and Liver diseases, Diabetes or Bright's disease, or any derangements of the human body, nervous weakness, general debility, lassitude, loss of memory, want of brain power. To introduce it I will send a genuine information free of charge of a new cheap and simple but perfect remedy on earth, discovered in the Mississippi Valley. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to James Holland, 32, Hart-street, High Holborn, London. Mention this paper.—ADVT.

WEDDING PRESENTS.—Collingwood and Son are now showing a very large and choice selection of articles for the purpose, of best manufacture.—ADVT.

HOW TO SAVE MONEY.—Send your Umbrellas to R. A. Watson, The Hatter, to be re-covered; prices from 2s 6d. Satisfaction guaranteed. F. H. O.—ADVT.

North Country News.

Great Clearance Sale of Remnants at Pottage's Sale to-day. East-st. and South-st.—ADVT.

S. Leach and Son, General Printers and Stationers, Zetland-road, Middlesbrough.—ADVT.

GOOD NEWS.—Bronchitis and old coughs are rapidly cured by Harburn's Pectoral Balsam. See Page 1.—ADVT.

Ladies' Hair Fashionably Dressed at Fraud's Hairdressing Saloons. 66, High-street, Stockton.—ADVT.

ELECTRIC TRAMCARS IN THE HARTLEPOOLS. —A new company has acquired the plant of the Hartlepools Steam Tramway Company, and propose to run the cars by electricity.

The Archbishop of York has consented to become patron of the Middlesbrough branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

TO-NIGHT, 7.30.—Special Mission Service in Newport-road Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. J. Fleming Shearer. Sankey's Hymns used. Solos by Mr Sydney Smith. All are earnestly invited.—ADVT.

HONOUR TO LOCAL PRINTERS.—Messrs E. Morley, Hartlepool; Harold W. Hood, Redcar; T. M. Harding and A. Precious, Scarborough, have been successful in having examples of their work included in the "Printer's International Specimen Exchange," a costly and beautiful work.

ORDER OF DRUIDS.—NEW BRANCH.—A new lodge in connection with the Evenwood Equalised District of Druids was opened in the Eden Arms, the house of Mr W. Goodman, West Auckland, last night. About thirty members were initiated, after which an enjoyable evening was spent. Brothers Joseph Alderson, D.G.M., George Linsley, V.G.M., Joseph Pratt, D.T., and D. Little, D.C.S, were the district officers present.

DEATH OF THE MASTER OF RIPON WORKHOUSE.—Mr G. Greenwood, who for 36 years held the office of Master of the Ripon Union Workhouse, died suddenly this morning. Some time Mr Greenwood had been in failing health, and it was only about six months ago that he and Mrs Greenwood retired upon a well-earned pension. Mr Greenwood was widely known and respected, and his death will be generally regretted in the city and district.

SUDDEN DEATHS AND FATALITIES.—Sarah Ellen Headwood (13 months), Merrington, was seized with a fit and died yesterday afternoon.—Luke Smith (64), Ferryhill, was knocked down by a volley on the 24th ult., and died on Sunday.—John Daley (7), Budhoe Colliery, was standing near the fire on the 14th, when his shirt caught fire, and he was severely burnt. He died on Saturday. —Yesterday, at an inquest held on the body of George Harris, New Shildon, a verdict of "Death from aortic valvular disease of the heart" was returned.

FIRE AT RIPON.—Shortly after five o'clock this morning a fire was discovered in a loft containing a large quantity of hay in the Unicorn Hotel yard, Ripon, damage being done to the amount of £10. Prompt assistance was rendered by the Fire Brigade, under Captain W. Mooney, who succeeded in extinguishing the smouldering hay, otherwise the result would have proved disastrous. The loft adjoins the laundry of the hotel, and it is supposed that the fire was caused by heat from a stove, the chimney of which enters an old fireplace of the hay-loft. Part of the roof had also caught fire, but the damage done was only slight.

DARLINGTON POLICE COURT.—Reference was made this morning, before the ordinary proceedings of the Court commenced, to the loss sustained by the Bench in the death of Alderman Foggitt, and a letter of sympathy was directed to be sent to Mrs Foggitt.—Four youths, R. Shaw, S. Whitehouse, F. Kellogley, and J. Dickson were each fined 1s and costs for brawling in the Horse Market on Sunday night, the 15th inst. P.C. Sanderson proved the offence.—Arthur Hodgson was also fined 10s and costs for being drunk in charge of a horse in High Northgate on the 18th inst.—Wm. Cotton was remanded for trial on Friday next on the charge of stealing wearing apparel from Riley's lodging-house, Park-street, on the 21st inst.

LOCAL AMUSEMENTS.—At the Theatre Royal, Middlesbrough, last night, the exciting drama "A Fallen Among Thieves" was produced before a good audience, and on Thursday "A Ring of Iron" will be played, while on Friday and Saturday "Married, not Mated" and "The Land of the Living" will be submitted. Patrons of this place of amusement, therefore, cannot grumble on the score of want of variation.—Alderman R. Weighell has a strong company at the Oxford, Middlesbrough, headed by Miss Billee Barlow, the leading burlesque artiste of the day.—The boards of the Theatre Royal, Newcastle, are still occupied by the pantomime company, and those Tees-siders who have not yet seen this great show should take advantage of the trip which is being run on Saturday.—"Our Flat," which has proved itself such a success in London and the Provinces, met with the best reception last night at the Theatre Royal, Darlington, that could possibly be accorded. Mrs Musgrave, the authoress, has infused the richest and purest vein of comedy throughout, and in the hands of Messrs Erskine and Macdona's company, "Our Flat" should continue to draw crowded houses at each performance.—At the Gaiety Theatre, West Hartlepool, Messrs Gilbert King and Alf. Christensen's English Opera company commenced last night a week's engagement, appearing in "Faust," in which Miss Van Dalle made a distinct success as *Marguerite*, Mr Hilton St. Just appearing as *Faust*, and Mr Gilbert King as *Mephistopheles*. There was a good house, and the performance was fairly received.—At the Theatre Royal Mr Balsir Chatterton's company appeared in the drama, "In the Queen's Name."—There was also a large audience at the Alhambra Theatre of Varieties, West Hartlepool, where the programme included Professor Marvelle's performing dogs; Marie Violetta, serio comic; Joe Colvert, the Leggetts, sketch artistes; Professor Duemain, Arthur Reece, Ashley and Beach, and a troupe of performing cockatoos.

This Day's Sporting.

NEWMARKET TRAINING NOTES.

FOGGY. ON THE BURY SIDE: RYAN'S OLD MAN; ARNULF'S Greenfield went two miles and a half over furlongs. RYAN'S Ireland and Passe par Tout went two miles and a half. RYAN'S Innisfail went a mile and a half. RYAN'S Carrick, Evergreen, Patrician, Springtime, Springbank, Alloway, and Orvieto went a mile and a quarter. RYAN'S Sir Cyr, Trundle Hill, and Bingfield; JENNINGS'S Lord George, Lusignan, and Star; G. DAWSON'S Anthony, St. Serf, Morillon, Breach, Jessamy, and Memoir; RYAN'S Marengo, Norman, Little Hampton, Susiana, and Siphonia, went a mile. MORTON'S Tostig, Pioneer, and Lady Rosebery went five furlongs.

LEFT FOR HURST PARK.—Ethel Athol.

WOLVERHAMPTON (DUNSTALL PARK) MEETING.

NEW RULE HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE of 30 sovs. Two miles.

Lady Florrie	1
Pontheer	2
Sweetwort	3

Eight ran.

Betting: 6 to 4 agst Lady Florrie, 4 to 1 Brayton, 6 to 1 each Pontheer and Young Gamp, and 10 to 1 bar four.

Sweetwort led till a mile from home, when Lady Florrie drew to the front, and won easily by six lengths; one length separated second and third. Young Gamp was fourth, and Little Emma next. Nothing else passed the post.

THORNYCROFT HUNTERS' FLAT RACE of 40 sovs. About two miles.

Mongrel	1
Mosquito	2

Three ran.

KINGSWINFORD HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE of 30 sovs. About two miles.	
Sorceress	1
Spider	2
Bess	3

Eleven ran.

FOR

LATEST LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS,

SPORTING AND BETTING,

see Pink and Last Editions.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

All engagements—Aldford (dead) and Kilbarry, Leicester engagements—Alcewa and Parisian. Hurst Park engagements—Parisian.

National Hunt Chase, Hurst Park—Bamboozle.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT ON A YOUNG WOMAN. —A young German named Leonard Harting was committed for trial at the Marlborough-street Police Court yesterday charged with wounding a young woman named Alice Seymour, whom he took to his lodgings and cut about the throat with a dagger knife.

One hundred miners employed at the Plank Lane Collieries, Leyland, were yesterday each fined a 1 a crown for absenting themselves from work, without giving notice, on the 7th inst.

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING. —"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well selected Cocoa, Mr Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette.*—Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold only in packets, by Grocers, labelled th

CHIPS.

There are 20,000,000 Jews in the Russian Empire.

A new poem by Lord Tennyson will appear in the March number of the *New Review*.

Sergeant Moffitt, of Ballyshannon, is the tallest man in the Royal Irish Constabulary. He is 6ft. 5½in. high.

The mild weather has brought a marked decline in the death rate. It is estimated that in London alone the frost, snow, and fog carried off about 2,800 victims in six weeks.

"General" Booth's meetings during his Continental tour have, it is said, been "far beyond anything he has experienced before out of England, both as to the extent of the audiences and the character of the people composing them."

A woman named Abigail Cochrane, who has just died at Hillsalcoin at 84 years of age, was a pauper from the cradle to the grave. She was born in Greenock in 1807, and was imbecile from her earliest youth. It is estimated that she cost the public purse between £2,000 and £3,000.

The latest application of electricity is to the curling of forehead fringes. The idea is American, of course, and its realisation is anxiously looked forward to by young women of fashion, who hope to find in electricity a means of producing at a moment's notice those infantine rings and lyre-shine locks which now take 20 minutes at least to bring to perfection. "Bangs" will take a new lease of life under the new process.

Two hundred and seventeen years. Such is the combined ages of our three most distinguished draught players. McKerrow, who stood champion in the "fifties," has entered upon his seventy-sixth year; Wyllie is now enjoying his seventy-second winter—or rather summer, for he is at present in Australia; while the youngest of the trio, Martin, has reached sixty-nine. The senior veteran possesses all the activity of a much younger man, and still carries on business in the town of Douglas, Lanarkshire.

In Russia a child few years of age cannot go away from home to school without a passport. Common servants and peasants cannot go away from where they live without a passport. A gentleman residing in Moscow or St. Petersburg cannot receive the visit of a friend who remains many hours without notifying the police of his or her arrival, as the case may be. The porters of all houses are compelled to make returns of the arrival and departure of strangers. And for every one of the above passports a charge is made of some kind.

The latest novelty at the Paris restaurants (says "Dagonet" in the *Referee*) is the theatrophone. With the coffee and cigars the waiter brings to your table a small box, with two little things attached to it by cords to put to your ears. You drop fifty centimes into the slot, and then you hear the performance at the theatre, connected by electric wire with the box, as distinctly as if you were in the front row of the stalls. The other evening, at the Restaurant de la Paix, I sat and listened to "La Basoche," at the Opéra Comique, and I was so delighted with it that I kept on having five minutes more, until all my loose silver had vanished in the slot.

A brougham built by a London firm is a model of convenience. It is fitted with electric light sufficient for reading or writing. Opposite the seat is an ivory plate, on which are several buttons properly lettered—"Left," "Right," "Stop," "Go on," "Home," and so on. On the dash-board, in the coachman's view, is a case lettered to correspond, so that when a knob is pressed he understands at once what is expected of him. One button brings out the word "Speak," in which case he will put the speaking tube in position and receive orders.

A few years ago a gentleman residing in Leicester "popped the question" by means of the following valentine:—

> Delicate Ears And Radiant Eyes
> Scatter Their Wiles In Leicester;
> Leicester Your Offer Under-Buys,
> Each Maiden Is Not Esther.

The capital letters, when read apart, will be found to make the all-important question, "Dearest, will you be mine?" His lady-love, who lived in London, vouchsafed him a reply which we trust none of our male readers will receive when they broach the subject nearest their heart:—

> Declare, Edwin, Can Love Impart
> Never Entrances—a Dearer,
> Will Intense The Bond, Thy Heart,
> And Never Miss Sincerer?

Nicholas Levisler, of Baltimore, has erected in his parlour a wooden model of a large country residence, which he made with a penknife. The building measures four feet by two, is two stories high, with a French roof and observatory, and has bow windows and porches. A flight of stairs connects the first and second floors, both of which are neatly carpeted, and the walls are covered with paper. The parlour and bed-rooms are filled with furniture, and have chandeliers hung from the ceilings. The model contains nearly "all modern conveniences." It stands in a garden that occupies almost all the parlour floor. On the grounds are gravel walks, with settees, a pump and trough, summer house and a watch dog. Mr Levisler, who is a labourer, has been at work on the model for thirteen years, doing small parts at night.

A box of lumber has more than once proved a treasure house. Mr George Weddell has in this way come across a quaint volume of apothecaries' lore and housewifery, mostly written by the Fairfax family in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The recipes deal with the ills to which mankind is prone. Here is a characteristic one: "To take away corns":—

> Take an iron and make it whott and seare the corne with it, then laie so it a plaster of Galbanu and turpantine mixt togeather, and it will take it out and heale it in 9 dales.

Another recipe is "for such as have the lunacy"—

> Take the juice of Perliolle, and mix it with vinigar and putt of it into ye nose with a seringe 2 or 3 times a daye being blond warme, and it will remedy ye same in 3 or 4 dales.

A recipe for deafness is:—

> Take the galle of a Hare, and mix it with woman's milk and putt of it into the eare warme, and stopp it close with black wool and it healeth in nyne dales.

Lord Lilford, whose letter to the *Times* the other day led to the extinction of the Birmingham birdnesting enterprize in Shetland, is about sixty years of age and a cripple, moving about in a chair. At Lilford Hall, in Northamptonshire, he has the finest collection of British birds in the world, living and stuffed. In his aviaries are all kinds of birds, large and small, home and foreign, and he keeps agents continually employed looking out for rare specimens. Only the other day Jamrach sent him a couple of nutcrackers, now extinct in this country, but found recently in Siberia and Switzerland. Another bird, extinct so far as this country is concerned, that he is anxious to get is the black woodpecker. It was Lord Lilford that bought the last eggs of the great auk that passed through Jamrach's hands. They were two, and the price was 105 guineas apiece. The last egg of this kind sold fetched £240. It is the size of a turkey's, only more tapering like a pear. It is in colour a whitish grey, streaked with black lines. There are only thirteen of those eggs in existence so far as is known.

The Earl of Albermarle, to whose death at the great age of 91 we referred yesterday, was chiefly famous for having fought, as a youthful subaltern, at the Battle of Waterloo. He entered the army in the year 1815, and thus, it may be said, obtained his chance of fame with longevity fulfilled and supplied. His annual reception at his house in Portman-square on the 18th of June, which he continued almost to the last, was frequented, not only by successive generations of Keppels, but by large numbers of military and social acquaintances. It is believed that Lord Albemarle has left only one senior officer in the army behind him—namely, General Whichcote, who fought in the Peninsular War. Lord Albemarle deserves a niche in the temple of literary history from his entertaining volumes of Reminiscences published some fifteen years ago, which contain the best accounts of the luckless Princess Charlotte, daughter of George IV., and their presumptive to the Crown. The wrath of the Princess at being lectured by Lord Chancellor Eldon, whom she described through her sobs as the "s—s—son of a c—e—coalheaver," is a droll incident in the life of that handsomest and most learned of lawyers—that most bigoted and least conscientious of statesmen. Lord Albemarle, in spite of his son's defection, was a Liberal till 1886, and a whist-player to the end of his life. His death is a numerical loss to the House of Lords, as Lord Bury was called up in his father's Barony of Ashfield fifteen years ago.

QUIPS AND CRANKS.

A woman is an adept at the art of scratching—has it at her fingers' ends, as it were.

"Is your brother still pursuing the law?" "He was till last spring." "And now?" "The law is pursuing him."

Wife: "Who will mend your clothes when I am dead and gone?" Husband: "Nobody. I'll be able to buy new clothes then."

Mrs Cumso: "John, dear, I wish you wouldn't get your hair cut as short as that?" Cumso: "Why?" Mrs Cumso: "It looks like a reflection on my amiability."

"Mamma, do butlers go to Heaven?" "Yes, darling, if they are good." "Oh, I'm so glad, because I was thinking if Wilkinson wasn't there who would bring up the coffee?"

"Why is it that the good are not always happy?" asked a Sunday school teacher of a class of boys. "Because they're thinkin' of the fun they ain't havin'," said a small boy mournfully.

Fogg has come to the conclusion that he doesn't desire to live in New Jerusalem. He heard the preacher say that in heaven every day would be Sunday, and Fogg thinks it must be an awfully trying and tedious place where they have to read the Sunday papers seven days in every week.

Entirely Too Sanguine.—Clarkson: "You said in your advertisement that a fine stream of water where bathing may be had run near the house; (facetiously) I see nothing but the pump." Skinnem proprietor of the Catskill Gem): "See here, mister, you don't expect the Niaggary Falls for six dollars a week, do you?"

They Ought to Have Electrics.—"You take your life in your own hand when you travel on this tram car line," said one passenger to another. "Why, the tram cars travel so slowly I can't see how fatal accidents can occur." "That's it exactly. You are likely to die of old age before you reach the end of the line."

Sure Result of Exposure.—Mrs Pennifeather: "Goodness gracious! I wonder what in the world has become of my furs?" Mr Pennifeather: "Where did you put them?" Mrs Pennifeather: "Right on the window-sill, here." Mr Pennifeather: "That accounts for it. You have carelessly exposed them to the sun."

Gradgrind (to his employees): "Nobody but me is to touch that clock. Nobody is to begin or leave off work except as it indicates the time." Foreman: "Yes, sir." Gradgrind (the next day): "Why, the day is one-fourth gone and nobody's at work! What does this mean?" Foreman (meekly): "You forgot to wind the clock, sir."

BOGGS' JOKE.

"Mrs Boggs," said Boggs in a hesitating way, while he and his wife were eating dinner, "if I felt sure that you could keep a thing to yourself and not breathe it to any living person——" "Oh, don't keep me waiting all day, now," said Mrs Boggs. "What is it?" "I was going to offer you one of those raw onions," said Boggs, but she was too mad to take anything less than ten shillings.

A STERN PARENT.

"What was that awful racket in the hall just now?" asked a father who was trying to read the paper. "One of the children fell down stairs," answered the mother. "Well, you can tell those children that if they cannot fall down stairs quietly they won't be allowed to fall down at all!" cried the father, irascibly.

AND YET HE WAS NOT HAPPY.

City visitor: "What makes little Tommy cry so, Mr Leeks?" Farmer Leeks: "Wall, the fact is, he went out this morning to find a hornet's nest for his natural history collection, and——" City visitor: "And the poor boy couldn't find one?" Farmer Leeks: "Naw; the poor boy found one."

MORE THAN HE BARGAINED FOR.

Husband and wife had a little tiff. He buried his nose in a morning paper, while she gazed out of the window with persistent intentness. Thus an hour and thirty minutes passed. A lady passed by. Husband dropped his paper and looked at her admiringly. "Ah," he said, "that's a fine woman. And a widow, too. Don't you think she's handsome?" "Yes, rather. You seem to like widows." "Indeed I do. They're charming." Husband evidently thought this would pique his partner. But it didn't. "Alfred," said she, tenderly, placing her hand softly on his arm." "Alfred, I was in the wrong a little while ago, when I became angry with you, and I'm sorry, so sorry. Will you forgive your little wifey?" "Certainly. Don't say another word about it." "And will you grant a little request I have to make of you, hubby, dear?" "Of course. Anything that lies in my power." "You say that widows are charming?" "Yes; I did say so, but——" "Then make me one; that's a good husband mine. Oh, I shall be so happy!"

HE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN SHE WAS COMING.

The peculiar ideas which some women have of the way in which railroads are run was well exhibited in a little scene which took place in the Union Depôt Information Bureau. "Give me my satchel," she commanded nervously; "I want to catch the train for New York." "Train for New York's gone," said the clerk, producing the grip. "Gone!" shrieked the woman. "Why, you ninny! I wanted that train. Do you understand, sir? I wanted to go to New York City on that train. I have a great mind to have you discharged. You, young man, are unworthy of holding the responsible position in the package and information department." The clerk cowered. "Ma'am," said he, "I did not know that you were coming. I—I——" "Didn't know I was coming? What excuse is that? You should have known it." She gathered up her satchel and marched off. The clerk, with a sad air, took out a pen and wrote on a piece of paper a permit allowing him to live, but when he went out and sought the woman who owned the earth she had gone.

WASN'T MISSED.

A citizen who stands pretty well in his own estimation, and, for that matter, in the estimation of the public also, went abroad for a period of two years. When he returned to Detroit the first man he met was an old friend, who was about to pass him with a cold bow. "What's the matter?" asked the returned traveller. "Ain't you going to speak to a fellow after such an absence?" "Absence? Been out of town?" "Out of town. Why, man alive, I've been two years in Europe." "No? Can't be possible. Why, I never missed you," said his friend. The other turned away in anger and button-holed an old chum, to whom he said: "Well, I've got back." "Been over to N' York?" asked the chum. "Thunder, man! I've been to the Old World!" exclaimed the disgruntled voyager. "You-don't-say-so?" was the amazed retort of the solemn-looking chum. The next acquaintance remarked as he stopped a moment, "I haven't seen you for a week or two. Had hay fever?" That broke the combination. The returned traveller got on his dignity and declined to notice any more of his townsmen till they sent a brass band round to serenade him, and he learned that it was a put up job to take him down a little. It is so hard to persuade the average mortal that he never will be missed.

ANECDOTES ANENT DOMESTICS AND MISTRESSES.

A young girl waiting at table for the first time, being given a plate of meat from the carver to take to one of the company, hesitated, and then remarked, "Thank you, sir, I've had my dinner."—A new Irish housemaid came to her mistress on the third day after her arrival to say that she could not possibly stay in a house where she was openly insulted before the whole household. She said that each morning at family prayers she had distinctly heard her master say, "O God, who hatest nothing but the housemaid!" On consulting the book it was found that the *fons et origo mali* was the sentence, "O God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made."—Mistress: "Cook, why will you behave like this? I can't give you a character, you know." Cook: "I guess I'll give you one, though."—Mistress (who feels that a difference of opinion yesterday has not been finally settled): "Oh, Mary, there's something I want to say about last night." Mary (graciously): "Never mind, mum, I dessay we both lost our tempers, only it ain't everyone as 'ud own as much to 'em." Mistress (offended past forgiveness): "In that case, Jane, we must part; shall you prefer a month's wages or a month's notice?" Jane (who takes things coolly, especially breakages): "The notice, please, mum; that'll give my young man time to put up the banns, and we can be married from here."—A lady's-maid was found before the cheval glass in her mistress's room arrayed in her mistress's bonnet and mantle, and was overheard to say, commenting on her appearance: "Not handsome, certainly, but very genteel."

GREAT FLOOD IN ARGENTINA.

TWO HUNDRED LIVES LOST.

The city of Cordova, in the Argentine, was inundated by an overflow of the Primera river on the 1st February. Two hundred persons were drowned, and property valued at a million pounds was destroyed. The city was in darkness, the gas factory being flooded, and half the city was under water.

THE TERRIBLE COLLIERY EXPLOSION IN AMERICA.

The loss of life at the Springhill Mine, in which an explosion of gas occurred, is now put down at over a hundred. Some of the bodies were so mutilated that they had to be removed in bags. The spectacle was very sickening, and the sounds of grief on the part of the afflicted relatives was heard all night long.

ILLNESS OF MESSRS DILLON AND O'BRIEN.

Mr John Dillon has been removed to the prison infirmary, owing to ill-health, by order of the prison surgeon. Both Mr O'Brien and Mr Dillon are now in hospital, but in separate wards. Mr Dillon is much broken in health. Mr O'Brien, although a subject for hospital treatment, is 14lb. heavier than when he was last imprisoned in Galway Gaol. Both gentlemen, it is stated, are satisfied with their treatment.

THE REPRESENTATION OF THE TYNESIDE DIVISION.

SELECTION OF MR J. A. PEASE.

At a private meeting of the Executive of the Liberal Committee of this Division, held on Saturday, Mr J. A. Pease, ex-Mayor of Darlington, son of Sir Joseph Pease, Bart., M.P., was heard, and it was resolved by a large majority to recommend him to the General Committee for adoption as the Liberal successor to Mr Beaumont, M.P., who has intimated his wish to retire.

LOSS OF AN AMERICAN VESSEL AND 17 LIVES.

The American steamship Elizabeth, from New York, went ashore at the North Head, San Francisco, on Sunday night. A lifeboat sent to her assistance capsized, and the captain of the boat was drowned. Three of the crew of the vessel, the captain's wife, and her two children were, however, afterwards rescued; but the captain and the rest of the crew, numbering 16, were drowned.

SENDING BETTING CIRCULARS TO SCHOOLBOYS.

In the House of Lords yesterday Lord HERSCHELL moved the second reading of the Betting by Infants Bill. He said it would render penal the sending of betting circulars to boys at school or youths at college. He had been urged, he said, to include money-lending circulars within the scope of the measure, and if he received any encouragement from their lordships he should be prepared to take that course.—Lord CRANBROOK was glad that after legislating so much for the protection of the poor they had now a Bill for the protection of the rich.—The Earl of Aberdeen, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and others having spoken in terms of approval of the measure, the LORD CHANCELLOR suggested that the offences mentioned should be made punishable by summary conviction, and the Marquess of SALISBURY thought it would be a good thing to provide that a young man should not be liable upon an obligation given after he came of age in respect of debt contracted previously.—The Bill was read a second time, and other Bills having been advanced a stage their lordships adjourned.

A SAWMILL MANAGER CUT TO PIECES.

At the Sawing Mills, Govan, Glasgow, yesterday Mr Alexander Moor, the manager, met with a terrible death. He had been sorting some belting when his clothes caught in the machinery, and he was wheeled round and cut in pieces by the saws. He was 27 years of age, and highly respected.

AN EDITOR SHOT BY A RIVAL.

A shooting affray at Columbus (Ohio) resulted in the killing of two men yesterday. Mr Osborne, proprietor of the *Sunday World*, was shot dead by Mr Elliott, of the *Sunday Capital*, the quarrel having been brought about by a newspaper controversy. Mr Hughes, the late steward of an insane asylum, was also instantly killed, and two others were shot in the arm and leg.

TERRIBLE CONFLICT BETWEEN ELEPHANTS.

Yesterday morning a terrific roaring was heard by the inhabitants of the houses in the Lambeth Palace-road proceeding from a shed which is used as a shelter for two huge elephants belonging to Mr Sanger, of the Amphitheatre, and of which it forms part. One of the elephants, known as Ajax, generally regarded as a very docile beast, was chained by one of his hind feet to a staple against the side of the shed door, when suddenly the latter was forced open, and both animals, loudly trumpeting, were found in fierce conflict, Ajax being at a disadvantage through being fettered was seriously hurt about the head, which was lacerated with the tusks of the other elephant, known as Charlie, and it was with great difficulty that the latter was beaten off.

£600 DAMAGES AGAINST THE NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

At the Newcastle Assizes yesterday, before Mr Justice Mathew, a case was concluded in which a little girl named Elizabeth Harrison, of Blaydon-on-Tyne, claimed damages from the North-Eastern Railway Company for injuries received in an accident on the line at Blaydon on Easter Monday last. The evidence showed that on the day named there was a great deal of traffic, and the plaintiff, with her father and other relatives, was in a third-class compartment of a relief train, when by some means the train was allowed to start when the door was open. The plaintiff and her aunt, a married woman, fell out on to the line; but though the woman escaped unhurt, the child had one of her legs so injured that it had to be amputated close to the hip.—The defence was that the accident was caused by the negligence of the passengers.—The jury awarded plaintiff £600 damages and costs.—His Lordship promised to see the money placed in the hands of trustees for the benefit of the child alone.

THE CZAR'S LITTLE JOKE.

An amusing story which illustrates in a pointed way the far-reaching effects which may attend even a small pleasantry on the part of the Czar comes from a trustworthy source in St. Petersburg. On the occasion of the reassembling of the Holy Synod in the Russian capital it was resolved to forward to His Majesty, in accordance with traditional usage, the archsacerdotal benediction. The clerk who was employed to prepare the document formally communicating this pious resolution made a curious mistake. By a slip of the pen he wrote "architectural" instead of "archipastoral," and the resolution was forwarded without the error being detected. When the Czar received it he laughed heartily, and wrote on the margin, "I have no need of such a blessing." He then dismissed the matter from his mind. The document, however, with the Imperial annotation, found its way back to the Holy Synod, and produced among the members of that body the greatest consternation. Without a moment's hesitation it was accordingly went in a body to the Imperial Palace, and humbly tendered their joint and several resignations. It was now the turn of the Czar to be nonplussed with amazement, and it was only after a good deal of embarrassment and reciprocal explanations that the matter was set right. The interview terminated with a mild hint on the part of His Majesty that, even in the records of religious bodies, verbal accuracy was a highly desirable quality.

THE CAPTURE OF TOKAR.—Many of the Arabs who were with Osman Digna at the battle of Tokar are expected to submit. The sheikhs of almost all the surrounding tribes have already sent in begging for pardon, which was granted them. The casualties of the Egyptian force in wounded prove heavier than previously reported, and three men have died since the battle.

A BOON TO STOCKTON.—Never before was Stockton so electrified as now. Since Herr Cohen, the inventor of the Curative Coil Battery, made his appearance scores of households are cheered through the wonderful cures effected by his method of applying electricity in cases of rheumatism, sciatica, neuralgia, headache, nervousness, indigestion, lumbago, backache, weak circulation, and general debility. Without exception this Battery has been proved to be the most simple and lasting method of relieving pain and suffering. This latest invention might truly be called the "Little Doctor," because it relieves neuralgia in a moment, nervous headache with one application, rheumatic pains in the joints in about five minutes, to the surprise of everybody, and only those know its value who use it.—Jan. 13th, 1891. Dear Sir,—I have had one of your Batteries when at Rotherham, and may say that I am quite satisfied with my purchase, and would not, on any account, be without it cost it quite cured my wife of enlarged veins The Battery has also been round about the neighbourhood for various other ailments, one in particular—a man who had a slight stroke of paralysis, on whom the doctor used it, and he was working again in a fortnight.—Yours respectfully, ARTHUR STONES." —Those who have not yet seen Herr Cohen at the Temperance Hall, Dovecot street, Stockton. Hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 7 to 8.—ADVT.

The Editor of the *Medical Annual* for 1890 points out that potash is largely used to add to the solubility of many of the Cocoas at present sold, but that, in marked contrast, MESSRS CADBURY supply an absolutely pure Cocoa of the highest quality; and that the name CADBURY on any packet of Cocoa or Chocolate is a guarantee of purity.—ADVT.

THE GATES OF EDEN.

By ANNIE S. SWAN, Author of "Aldersyde," "St. Veda's," "Across Her Path," &c., &c.

SYNOPSIS OF OPENING CHAPTERS.

The first chapter introduces the family of the Bethunes of Auchtermairnie. Old John Bethune had two sons and a daughter. The elder son, Peter, was an ill-conditioned, blustering fellow, whose bullying and greedy nature had driven his younger and gentler brother John to leave the farm and establish himself in the neighbouring village of Star. Peter then exercised his loutish tyranny on his father, whom he kept labouring in the fields like any other labourer. Susan, the sister, was an austere but rigid and unlovable woman, who had completely disavowed her self from her brother John since he had married Katie Law, whom she chose to regard as beneath the dignity of the Bethunes. Katie is now on her deathbed, and in his great sorrow John Bethune sends for his sister, who, in an ungracious mood, journeys to Star, only to find that the object of her enmity had gone the way of all flesh. When Susan found that Katie had left two infant babes behind her her harsh heart was melted, and she sought to comfort her brother in his great bereavement. She stayed with her brother and reared the two boys, who were named Alexander and James. Meanwhile Peter, who had arranged to marry Margaret Thompson for her money, had got possession of his father's property, and was now quietly driving the village people before him. The two boys grew up widely different in character—Sandy being bright, clever, and rattling, and Jamie a tall, thin boy, with a face redeemed from plainness by its earnest dark eyes, which shone like stars beneath a broad brow, indicative of ability and thought. Sandy was looked upon as the clever, intellectual boy of the family; and while Jamie was kept at home to help his father on the farm, his brother was trained for the ministry his father thought he would adorn. Everything was sacrificed for Sandy's sake, and Jamie brooded bitterly upon his position. Jamie, however, found a friend in Mr Farquhar, the village schoolmaster, who was the first to see the great promise the lad showed, and helped him in his studies. Five years passed away, and Sandy Bethune, after a successful college career, came to his native village Here he revived his acquaintance with Mary Campbell, whose lover he had been, and succeeded in dispelling the resentment she had felt against him on account of his neglect. Two years later we find Peter Bethune's wife dead, and John Bethune gradually finding out the stores of knowledge which Jamie had acquired. Jamie patiently bided his time, content to stay at the Star while his father needed him. Sandy was appointed to the living of Lochbroom, where he fell under the spell of the loveliness of Beatrice Lorraine, the daughter of a retired London merchant, who had gone to live at Nothergill. Among wealthy friends he strove to hide his humble origin, and his old father caught his last illness on a journey to visit the son whose silence caused him so much pain. At the funeral Sandy Bethune owned to his brother his infatuation for Miss Lorraine, and his words passed between them. The time had now come for Jamie to carry out the project he had formed ten or eleven years before. Aunt Susan anticipated his declaration, and, telling him that all she had was his, bid him go out into the world, promising that she would keep the old place for him as a home. Jamie left with compensation for all her anxiety and toil in his heart, felt thanks, and felt even if she were summoned not to meet Katie Law she must see Jamie again. Peter Bethune was in a furious rage when he learned of his nephew's intention. He would not even listen to any explanation whatsoever, but swore that he could get those he liked, but he would never finger a copper of his money, or again darken his door. He also flatly refused to give Susan a helping hand with the land, at which neither Jamie nor his aunt were put about. They were better without his interference, and there were plenty of willing hearts and hands in the Star. Jamie got a footing as shop-boy with a kindly old Edinburgh bookseller, named Farquhar. Here, surrounded by books, and stimulated by the friendship of Dr. Kinross, of St. Giles, with whose family he became affectionately intimate, he took his first step on the road to literary fame.

CHAPTER XII. (CONTINUED).

The next few days were full of deep anxiety, not only for James Bethune, but for those who were interested in him. Adam Farquhar especially could not rest or attend to his work, he was so anxious that his protégé should obtain the situation. Not that he thought it by any means worthy of him, but he saw very well that he was growing hopeless, and feared lest he should become so thoroughly disheartened as to throw up his city life altogether. That, he was sure, would be a mistaken step.

"For who knows, my man?" he would say in his jocular way. "Perhaps about the end of the twentieth century somebody will be selling rare copies of Bethune's works in this very shop. Ha, ha! wouldn't that be a joke, if only we could live to see it?"

On the opening night of the Assembly, James Bethune dressed himself in his best, and went over to George square. Only that day he had heard definitely regarding the situation in Glasgow, and after a week's delay he was somewhat surprised to receive notice of his appointment, coupled with the request that he would enter on his duties at once if possible. He was not sorry for this, though his work might not be such as he would have chosen, still it was work, and might be the stepping-stone to something higher. It is the spirit in which we accept our lot in life which lowers or ennobles it. In very lowly places there are to be found examples of inestimable, unselfish sacrifice, which make the angels rejoice.

James Bethune's friendly intercourse with Dr. Kinross and his family had done him boundless good in many ways. Perhaps not the least of these was that the occasional companionship of refined gentlewomen had taught him many of those little courtesies of life which are not to be despised. James Bethune had never lacked the instincts of a gentleman, and now he had acquired that ease of manner and complete self-possession which had been wanting when he first came to Edin. When he mounted the steps to the minister's door that night, he heard the sound of singing come floating through the open windows of the drawing-room, which held him for a moment spell-bound. It was a wondrous voice — deep, rich, and exquisitely sweet. He leaned up against the pillared doorway and listened breathlessly, but there came to him no whisper of warning: he did not dream that he was approaching another and a greater crisis in his life. When the singing ceased he rang the bell, and was at once admitted. Just as he hung up his hat, Minnie Kinross, in a white dress, with her fair curls lying round her like a halo, came dancing down the wide staircase, her face radiant with welcome.

"Why are you so late? Do you know it is nearly nine?" she said, folding her two hands over his. "There are so many nice, nice people! I am sure you will like them. Come, and I will take you to drawing-room under my wing."

So saying she slipped her hand through his arm, and led him away upstairs. The drawing-room door was a little ajar, but just as they reached the landing Dr. Kinross opened it and looked out.

"How are you, James? You know we are glad to see you. I guessed what Minnie was after when I heard the bell ring and saw her disappear."

"I received a letter from Glasgow by the evening post, sir, and I had to answer it at once. I am sorry if I am late," answered James Bethune, and as he spoke they entered the room.

It was full of people, and, without looking round, James Bethune went straight to Mrs Kinross's chair, and sat down by her side. She greeted him with a bright warm smile, and told him in a word how glad she was to see him. Minnie, who had followed him closely across the room, sat down on a little stool at his side, and almost unconsciously he laid his broad hand on the sunny head with a lingering and caressing touch. The child's love for him was a very bright thing in James Bethune's life.

"Have you heard anything from Glasgow yet?" asked Mrs Kinross, kindly. "The doctor and I were talking of it this morning."

"Yes, ma'am; the letter came this evening, and——" He came to an abrupt stop, and his listener looked at him in questioning surprise. His eyes were fixed on a group at the other side of the room; his face wore an expression of absolute surprise.

"That is Mr Bethune, minister of Lochbroom, standing by my niece," said Mrs Kinross. "You seem to recognise each other. Of course it is the same name. Can it be possible that you are related?"

"He is my twin brother, Mrs Kinross," said James Bethune, slowly and heavily, for the look in Sandy's eyes was not one of welcome, and smote him chilly to the heart.

"Impossible! How is it we have never heard you speak of him? Dr. Kinross inducted him. You know he is a native of the district, and his brother-in-law, Mr Lorraine, is one of the heritors of Lochbroom."

James Bethune bent down his head a moment, and shaded his troubled eyes with his hand. Mrs Kinross saw there was something far amiss, and the child Minnie looked at her friend with all her childish heart in her eyes. And just then the minister of Lockbroom crossed the room and stood before them.

"I was so astonished when I saw you come into the room, Jamie, that I could hardly believe the evidence of my own eyes," he said, speaking as if with an effort. "How are you?"

"I am very well," answered Jamie, and they shook hands, but not with the warm grip of mutual satisfaction and love.

"You must have a great deal to say to each other," said Mrs Kinross, rising. "Come, Minnie, you must give Mr Bethune some peace, you know."

Minnie rose obediently, only to retire to another corner and watch her friend, who she saw was vexed and troubled, for love had taught her to read every expression of his face. The minister of Lochbroom took the chair Mrs Kinross had vacated, and for a moment the twain sat in absolute silence.

"How did you ever manage to get in *here?*" said Sandy at length, with significant emphasis on the last word.

"It is easily enough explained. I attend St. Giles, and Dr. Kinross has been very kind to me, that is all," answered James almost coldly, for his brother's look and tone were not less bitter to him than of yore. "But if I had known I was to meet you here I would not have come. It is rather awkward for us both."

"You are right. But what have you been doing to yourself? You look quite different. I declare I would hardly have known you. But there—I must go," Sandy broke off suddenly. "We can have it out again."

So saying, he rapidly crossed the room, and James Bethune saw the explanation at once. Some one was going to sing, and it seemed to be Sandy's place to set the piano-stool and arrange the music on the stand. He could not see the face of the singer, but he noted the graceful curves of the slight figure, and the wondrous sheen of the bright hair, worn like a coronet above her brow.

"Here I am again, Mr Bethune," whispered Minnie Kinross at his side. "I may sit by you, may'n I? You see, there's nobody to speak to me to-night except you."

He nodded, and laid his hand lightly on hers, as if to enforce silence, for the singer had begun. As that grand voice rose and swelled in richest melody through the room, James Bethune felt his heart stirred and touched, and then it was as if a strange, shifting peace stole upon him, making him feel as if no trouble or care could come very near him any more.

"Are you going to say, Mr Bethune? you look so solemn," whispered Minnie. "Doesn't Beatrice sing splendidly? She is my cousin, you know—Beatrice Lorraine; and that is Uncle Lorraine sitting beside the ministers quite at the other side of the room."

James Bethune started at the name, and looked with deeper interest towards the piano. The singer had risen, and he could see her well. Even as he looked at the sad, pale face, lit by the soul-speaking eyes, there came to him no prevision of the future. His chief interest at that moment was to see the woman who had eclipsed Mary Campbell, and whom his brother would give his very soul to win. She was beautiful, that her face was unutterably sad. It looked as if some sorrowful life-history had been long written upon it; and these deep eyes had wells of suffering and pathos in their depths. He saw Sandy bend low over her and whisper something in an impassioned voice, but she only smiled very faintly and slightly shook her head.

"I do love my cousin Beatrice!" continued Minnie, confidentially; "only she is so quiet and sad. Of course, she is very sorry about Willie. I never saw Willie, but he did something very bad, and nearly broke poor Uncle Lorraine's heart. Oh, here is papa bringing Uncle Lorraine to speak to you, so I'll run away."

So saying, the light-hearted child skipped away once more; and James Bethune rose as the two gentlemen approached him. Dr. Kinross briefly introduced them, and with a nod and a smile returned to the discussion of church matters which the song had momentarily interrupted.

"I was getting beyond my depth over yonder," said Mr Lorraine, as he sat down; "I am quite a novice in the history of the Established Church. And how are you liking your city life, Mr Bethune?"

His tone and manner were so kind that James Bethune for the moment was taken by surprise, and did not at once reply.

"I see you wonder at my question. Dr. Kinross has spoken to me about you, and I was anxious to have a little talk with you. You were left, after a most exceptional circumstances," I understand, continued Mr Lorraine, in the same interested, kindly manner. "You must have found it a great change."

"I did. It has taught me a good few things, sir."

"Ay, necessarily. Take care lest it teach you what you may have cause to regret. Keep your principles unstarnished, I entreat you. City life has had too many victims already; do not add to the number."

James Bethune could not but look at the man in astonishment, he spoke with such impassioned earnestness; but suddenly he remembered Minnie Kinross's confidence concerning her relatives, which gave him all the explanation he required.

"I will try, sir," he answered, quite simply and earnestly, and he looked with something of compassion at the sad, proud face which bore so evident an impress of no ordinary sorrow.

"You are just beginning life, and if you only remain true to yourself, there is no fear of you," said Mr Lorraine. "You will find it a hard battle, but life at the best is that; and you have the look of one who will struggle manfully, and do your best to make it noble and true. I wish you well."

"I thank you, sir."

"And if you ever come to visit your brother at Lochbroom (I was astonished to find our minister was your brother), we will be glad to see you at Netherclough. I should like to introduce my daughter to you, but I see they are asking her to sing again. Perhaps I shall have an opportunity before the evening is over.

(To be continued.)

WHOSE WAS THE HAND?

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CHAPTER XXII.

DAISY'S DIARY IN JOY AND IN SORROW.

I am engaged to Gilbert Florcetan. At last I understand what it is to be an engaged girl, and henceforward I shall be able to sympathise with every engaged girl in this world, of whatever nation, of whatever colour, whether she wear calico or diamonds in her head at the Court of St. James's, or a feather-girdle in some unknown islet of the South Seas, whether she spend her allowance on frocks or on beads. Yes, till I am ninety, till I am cold in death, I shall be able to sympathise with every lover and every loved one upon earth, for now I know what love means. I know that it means EVERYTHING.

WHAT will Cyril think, down at the bottom of this round globe, when he hears that Gilbert and I are to be married on the first day of the new year? What can he think, except that I am the lightest and most contemptible young woman that ever had the misfortune to count among his acquaintance.

I cannot write the mode and manner of my engagement, that sudden passage from liberty to bondage, when he took me in his arms in the library where we were once so miserable, and called me "wife." Wife, as if we were married already. Absurd, no doubt, to the indifferent reader, but the word thrilled my heart.

I cannot write of his kisses, or count them as if they were pounds, shillings, and pence in the housekeeper's book. I cannot write all the sweet foolishness of his talk, the undeserved praises, the intoxicating flatteries, which he protested were not flatteries. Of those ridiculous moments I can keep no record.

On the same evening, however, we had a very serious conversation on the subject after dinner. Mother was in her favourite seat by the drawing-room window. Uncle Ambrose was pacing the room. We could see them both in the lamplight as we walked slowly up and down. The evening was wonderfully warm and balmy for the end of September, and the great full moon was rising behind Lamford Church tower; this being the third moon we have worn out since we left London.

"Will you be very angry if I ask you a question?" I said.

"I should be angry if you wished to ask me anything and didn't," said he.

"Were you ever in love with anybody before you began to care for me?"

"Ah, I thought that question would come. Shall I answer it unofficially or honestly?"

"Oh, honestly, please; be brutal rather than dishonest. Of course I am prepared for the worst. You must have adored ever so many girls before you came to let your glances light upon insignificant me."

"Ever so many. That's a large order. Suppose I plead guilty to two. I wish I had never looked at a woman, or at least never wasted a thought upon one till I saw you. I shouldn't if I had only known what was coming."

"Do you really think I am as nice as the other two?" I asked, comforted by those sweet words.

"I think you are to them as a wild rose on a hedge in the dewy morning compared with the double dahlia in the heat and dust and glare of tent No. 2 at a flower show. You are as the freshness of the morning, and they smells of gas. The one could not be like the other, and I saw her in across the footlights my heart went out to her."

"Was she very pretty?" I asked.

"She was very pretty. That was just fifteen years ago, mark you, when I was at Eton. She is very pretty at this present hour; she will go on being very pretty, I hope, till the end of the century. She is a burlesque actress, and I saw her in the daintiest little villager's dress you can conceive, dancing as lightly as a real fairy, and not a stage one. Yes, Daisy," he said gravely, "I plead guilty to being over head and ears in love with Miss Millicent Melville, of the Hilarity, fifteen years ago, for the whole space of the Christmas holidays. I was stone-broke for her sake, and spent all my tips upon theatre tickets, hothouse flowers, and chocolate caramels. I delivered the flowers and the caramels to the surly stage doorkeeper, who may have sold them to the minor members of the troupe for aught I know. I never got speech of my houri, and I was heart-broken when I discovered, upon unimpeachable authority, that she had a husband and five children. How she did it—how she looked so lovely and syphlike and childlike and innocent, with an eating and drinking, smoking and swearing man and five brats to work for I have never been able to understand."

"Was she number one?" I asked.

"Yes, she was number one